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**CLAIM FOR SMALL ENTITY STATUS
AND REQUEST FOR REFUND**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

This request for refund is being made within three months of the date a fee was paid in this application on November 29, 2001 in the amount of \$890.00. The amount of the refund requested is \$445.00.

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Respectfully submitted,
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